

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Oct 1963	2. LOCATION Fallon Nevada	12. CONCLUSIONS		
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1745-1805 L GMT 0045Z-0105Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical JUPITER <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE CIVILIAN			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round bright silver object observed at dusk. Object at 10-20 deg elev. Direction not reported. Tail observed with BX's. Thin overcast. Object rising fast. Believed to be Jupiter or Venus by A/C observers in Area.		11. COMMENTS JUPITER		

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FM 3 235 E

FM 3 000 FL YI NGWG STEAD AFB NE
TO BUNGAL E/ADG

TO RUMGATE/ADC
RUM HSB 4286 IRDT

RUE RSB/28A 1RDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF
RUE AFF/A FSC

RUEAFFF/AFSC
RUEAHG/CSA-B

RUE A Hq/CSAF
RUE A Hq/CSAF

ROE A HQ/6 SAF WASH DC
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FOR AFGSS EDITION

FOR AFSC FTB; CSAF AFCIN; OSAF SAFOT

UFO. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PARAGRAPH 1, USAF SAFETY REGULATIONS.

PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2.

A. (1) ROUND, EXTENDING TO OVAL IN TIME

(2) SIZE OF A DIME.

(3) BRIGHT SILVER.

(4) ONE ONLY

(5) NEGATIVE FORMATION

(5) NONE GIVEN

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(7) FAINTLY OBSERVED TAIL, POSSIBLY WITH TWO LIGHTS AT END OF TAIL.

(8) NONE

(9) REPORTING PERSON DESCRIBED IT AS A FREE FLOATING BALLOON.
B. (1) REPORTING PERSON IS A CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR. HE WAS SCANNING THE HORIZON FOR AN INBOUND AIRCRAFT WHEN HE PICKED UP THE BRIGHT OBJECT. HE AT FIRST BELIEVED IT WAS THE AIRCRAFT, BUT WAS LATER PROVED TO BE SOMETHING ELSE.

(2) TEN DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON RISING TO TWENTY DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, REPORTED AS BEING VERY LOW OVER HORIZON.

(3) TWENTY DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(4) RISING FAST (TEN DEGREES IN TWENTY MINUTES) WITH SLOW MOVEMENT TO SOUTH.

(5) INTO A THIN OVERCAST.

(6) FROM APPROXIMATELY 1745-1805 L PDT, TWENTY MINUTES. A LIGHT REAPPEARED IN THE SAME GENERAL LOCATION THIRTY MINUTES LATER AND AS A STAR.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) BINOCULARS (ASSISTED IN SEEING TAIL)

(3) N/A

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D. (1) 0045Z - 0105Z; 9 OCTOBER 1963

(2) DUSK, SUN ABOVE HORIZON TO FIFTY PER CENT ABOVE HORIZON DURING SIGHTING. SUNSET 0130Z. OBSERVER WAS A LITTLE HAZY ON EXACT TIMES.

E. NAVY CONTROL TOWER, FALLON NAS, EIGHT MILES SOUTHEAST FALLON, NEVADA

F. (2) CAMEON, JOSEPH E, E4, 4687417, CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, FALLON NAAS, EXCELLENT. SPARKS, L. H., AC1, 4769661, CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, FALLON NAAS, EXCELLENT.

G. (1) THIN LAYER OF CLOUDS, BEHIND WHICH THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED.

(2) 6000 FEET, 210 DEGREES, 5 KNOTS; 10000 FEET, 240 DEGREES, 30 KNOTS; 16000 FEET, 250 DEGREES, 35 KNOTS; 20000 FEET, 270 DEGREES, 40 KNOTS; 30000 FEET, 240 DEGREES, 50 KNOTS; 50000 FEET, 240 DEGREES, 35 KNOTS

(3) HIGH UNKNOWN OVERCAST

(4) FIFTEEN PLUS

(5) VARIED IN TWO HOUR PERIOD FROM HIGH OVERCAST TO HIGH BROKEN

(6) NONE

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(7) NEAREST GRADIENT AVAILABLE, WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA.

SFC (4500 FEET) - 11000 FEET PLUS 25 DEGREES TO FOUR DEGREES
MINUS 21 DEGREES/6500 FEET OR 3.23/1000 FEET; 11000 - 29000 FEET
PLUS FOUR DEGREES TO MINUS 39 DEGREES OR MINUS 43 DEGREES/18000
FEET OR 2.39/1000 FEET; 29000 - 41000 FEET MINUS 39 DEGREES C
TO MINUS 62 DEGREES C OR MINUS 21 DEGREES/12000 FEET OR
1.75/1000 FEET; 41000 - 55000 FEET MINUS 60 DEGREES C TO MINUS
62 DEGREES C OR MINUS TWO DEGREES/14000 FEET OR MINUS ONE/7000
FEET.

H. JUPITER - THIS PLANET CURRENTLY RISES ON THE EASTERN
HORIZON AT THE APPROXIMATE TIME OBSERVERS REPORT SEEING THE
UFO, HAS A MAGNITUDE OF MINUS 2.5 AND IS VISIBLE DURING DAYLIGHT.
SATELITE - A SATELITE WAS OBSERVED PASSING OVER THIS AREA AT AN
EARLIER DATE, 1 OCTOBER 1963 BY THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER AND A
LT COLONEL OF THIS BASE.

I. A FLIGHT OF FOUR NAVY A1'S WERE OPERATING IN THE AREA
AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. ONE AIRCRAFT RETURNING EARLY WAS
ADVISED BY THE TOWER TO USE CAUTION DUE TO THE SIGHTING. THE
PILOT, LT W. W. SPEAR, 557938, STATES THAT HE OBSERVED AN
EARLY STAR, REPORTED IT AS VENUS, AND DID NOT CONCERN HIMSELF

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FURTHER. WHEN THE REMAINING AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO THE FIELD,
THE LEAD AIRCRAFT DID PURSUE THE LIGHT FOR A SHORT TIME AND THE
PILOT, LT COMMANDER CHARLES G. HARNDEN, 509862, THEN
DECIDED THAT THE LIGHT WAS A PLANET, VENUS, AND ALSO RETURNED
TO THE BASE. BOTH AIRCRAFT AND CREWS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE V.A.
52 ATTACK SQUADRON, FLEET P.O., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,
AND ARE TDY TO FALLOON NAS, FALLOON, NEVADA.

J. NO KNOWN WEATHER OR RESEARCH BALLONS WERE IN THE
AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM
THE AEROSPACE RESEARCH OFFICE, CHICO, CALIFORNIA

K. MAJOR DONALD E POST, DIRECTOR OF SAFETY, STEAD AFB,
NEVADA. NO OTHER REPORTS OF THIS OBJECT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
AT THE ONSET THE ORIGINAL WITNESS DID ALERT THE RADAR SITES AT
TONOPAH, FALLOON AND WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA. OBSERVERS AT THESE
SITES CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF A LIGHT IN THE SKY ON THE EASTERN
HORIZON. THIS SAME LIGHT WAS REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING TWO
NIGHTS AND WAS OBSERVED TO RISE INTO THE NIGHT AS A STAR. IT IS
THE OPINION OF THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER THAT THE OBJECT OBSERVED
WAS THE PLANET JUPITER, THAT THE PRESENCE OF AN CLOUD LAYER
AT ALTITUDE PROVIDED THE ILLUSION OF APPARENT MOTION AND CONFUSED
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TO RUW GALE/ADC

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RUEAHO/CSAF

RUEAHO/OSAF WASH DC

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THE WITNESS.

L. NONE

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